

**Amendments To The Claims:**

Claim 1. (Currently Amended)      An expandable intraluminal stent for implantation in a blood vessel comprising:

    a main body portion having a first end portion, a second end portion and a middle portion, wherein each of the first end portion, the second end portion and the middle portion have a metal outer surface and a metal inner surface;

    a flow passage defined therethrough; and

    a first biocompatible coating directly on at least the metal outer surface of the first end portion of the main body portion, wherein the first biocompatible coating comprises a polymer or a drug contacting the metal outer surface, and wherein the metal outer surface and the metal inner surface of the middle portion are free of the polymer or drug biocompatible coating.

Claims 2-90. (Canceled)

Claim 91. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 1, wherein the biocompatible coating comprises apertures or perforations.

Claim 92. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 1, further comprising wherein the biocompatible coating comprises a plurality of layer[[s]] of a second biocompatible coating disposed on the first biocompatible coating comprising at least one coating material.

Claim 93. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 92, wherein the first and second biocompatible coatings plurality of layers comprise[[s]] the same coating material.

Claim 94. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 92, wherein the first and second biocompatible coatings plurality of layers comprise[[s]] different coating materials.

Claim 95. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 1, wherein the first biocompatible coating comprises a polymer and the polymer is a bioadhesive.

Claim 96. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 1, wherein the first biocompatible coating comprises a polymer and the polymer comprises a gel-like material.

Claim 97. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 1, wherein the first biocompatible coating comprises a drug and the drug is paclitaxel, an RGD peptide-containing compound, tranilast, trapidil, probucol, or a combination thereof.

Claim 98. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 1, ~~wherein the main body portion has a first end portion, a middle portion and a second end portion, and~~ wherein the first end portion of the main body portion is more flexible than the middle portion of the main body portion.

Claim 99. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 1, ~~wherein the main body portion has a first end portion, a middle portion and a second end portion, and~~ wherein the first end portion of the main body portion and middle portion of the main body portion are comprised of a mesh, and wherein the mesh of the first end portion is looser than the mesh of the middle portion.

Claim 100. (Previously presented)      The stent of claim 1, wherein the stent is balloon-expandable.

Claim 101. (Previously presented)      The stent of claim 1, wherein the metal comprises stainless steel.

Claim 102. (Withdrawn)      The stent of claim 98, wherein the first end portion is made of a first metal, and the middle portion is made of a second metal; and wherein the first metal is more flexible than the second metal.

Claim 103. (Withdrawn)      The stent of claim 102 wherein the second end portion is made of the first metal.

Claim 104. (Withdrawn)      The stent of claim 102 wherein the second end portion is made of a third metal, and wherein the third metal is more flexible than the second metal.

Claim 105. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 1 wherein the first biocompatible coating comprises Tranilast.

Claim 106. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 1 wherein the first biocompatible coating comprises Tropicidil.

Claim 107. (Currently Amended)      The stent of claim 1 wherein the first biocompatible coating comprises Probucol.

Claim 108. (Currently Amended)      A stent having an outer metal surface, a first end portion and a second end portion and a middle portion, the first end portion having a biocompatible coating comprising a polymer, ~~or a drug~~ the polymer contacting disposed on the outer metal surface, wherein the ~~biocompatible coating polymer~~ does not extend onto the outer metal surface of the middle portion of the stent.

Claim 109. (New)      A stent comprising:  
a main body portion having a flow passage defined therethrough, the main body portion having a first end portion, a second end portion and a middle portion, wherein the main body portion has a metal outer surface and a metal inner surface; and

a polymer or a drug coating directly on at least the metal outer surface of the first end portion of the main body portion, wherein the metal outer surface and the metal inner surface of the middle portion are free of any coating comprising a polymer or a drug.

Claim 110. (New)      The stent of claim 109, wherein the biocompatible coating comprises apertures or perforations.

Claim 111. (New) The stent of claim 109 further comprising a plurality of layers of coating, wherein the plurality of layers includes at least one layer disposed over the polymer or drug coating directly on at least the metal outer surface of the first end portion of the main body portion, the plurality of layers comprising at least one coating material.

Claim 112. (New) The stent of claim 111, wherein the plurality of layers comprises the same coating material.

Claim 113. (New) The stent of claim 111, wherein the plurality of layers comprises different coating materials.

Claim 114. (New) The stent of claim 109, wherein the polymer is a bioadhesive.

Claim 115. (New) The stent of claim 109, wherein the polymer comprises a gel-like material.

Claim 116. (New) The stent of claim 109, wherein the drug is paclitaxel, an RGD peptide-containing compound, tranilast, trapidcl, probucol, or a combination thereof.

Claim 117. (New) The stent of claim 109, wherein the main body portion has a first end portion, a middle portion and a second end portion, and wherein the first end portion of the main body portion is more flexible than the middle portion of the main body portion.

Claim 118. (New) The stent of claim 109, wherein the main body portion has a first end portion, a middle portion and a second end portion, and wherein the first end portion of the main body portion and middle portion of the main body portion are comprised of a mesh, and wherein the mesh of the first end portion is looser than the mesh of the middle portion.

Claim 119. (New) The stent of claim 109, wherein the stent is balloon-expandable.

Claim 120. (New) The stent of claim 109, wherein the metal comprises stainless steel.

Claim 121. (New)      The stent of claim 109, wherein the biocompatible coating comprises Tranilast.

Claim 122. (New)      The stent of claim 109, wherein the biocompatible coating comprises Tropicidil.

Claim 123. (New)      The stent of claim 109, wherein the biocompatible coating comprises Probucol.